

15 ED RANNELLS: I'm the road and fall-away
16 supervisor for Esmeralda County, so my comments are going
17 to be a little more localized than the big picture. [I do 1
18 support the rail -- a properly constructed thing for the
19 Yucca Mountain Repository, but that's personal.]

20 [I was discouraged by the western route choice 2
21 that they proposed, their preferred route. I think that
22 if Nevada has to take the rest of the country's nuclear
23 waste, we should at least receive some benefits.

24 And as far as Esmeralda County is concerned, I
25 don't think we would receive any benefit from that
1 westerly route. We'd have a burden if anybody did use
2 it for shared use, they'd be traveling on county roads
3 that are made of native materials and all the heavy
4 trucks are tearing up, and we would have no money to
5 provide for those roads.

6 So I'm -- if the railway comes, I definitely
7 would prefer the westerly route that goes to the west of
8 Goldfield. It would be a big -- much better possible
9 financial benefit to the county.

10 Also, I'm the solid waste supervisor. We've
11 been contacted by several companies about using our
12 landfill space from other places in the landfills right
13 near there. And it could be a huge benefit to the
14 county. Like I say, if we have to have it, I feel we
15 should benefit by it.]

16 [And, also, I'm concerned about some of the
17 road crossings on county roads. Because other roads

18 will have to be built to access roads to get around the
19 ones that don't have crossings. Who's going to maintain
20 them and who's going to pay for it and stuff like that?]
21 I guess that's about it.